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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL  
DISCRIMINATION, GENEVA, AUGUST 14-25, 1978

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RECOMMENDATION FOR PROGRAM OF  
ACTION CIRCULATED BY TURKEY, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, SPAIN,  
ITALY, GREECE, COSTA RICA, LESOTHO AND COLOMBIA. DOCUMENT  
DEALS WITH SITUATION OF MIGRANT WORKERS.

QUOTE - STATES RECEIVING MIGRANT WORKERS SHOULD ELIMINATE  
ALL DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES AGAINST SUCH WORKERS AND  
THEIR FAMILIES BY GIVING THEM TREATMENT NO LESS FAVOURABLE  
THAN THAT ACCORDED TO THEIR OWN NATIONALS. THIS SHOULD  
INCLUDE, INTER ALIA, SUCH FIELDS AS VOCATIONAL TRAINING,  
THE TYPES OF POSTS WHICH MIGRANTS CAN OCCUPY, THE TYPE OF  
CONTRACTS ACCORDED TO MIGRANT WORKERS, THE RIGHT TO RESIDE  
IN ANY PART OF THE COUNTRY, REGULATIONS GOVERNING WORKING  
CO ITIONS, TRADE UNION ACTIVITY AND ACCESS TO JUDICIAL  
AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS TO AIR GRIEVANCES OF DIS-  
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THE CONFERENCE URGES ALL STATES TO REVIEW THE TOTALITY OF  
MEASURES RELATING TO IMMIGRATION IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT  
THEY DO NOT HAVE - UNINTENTIONALLY - A  
DISCRIMINATORY EFFECT.

THE CONFERENCE ALSO RECOMMENDS TO STATES:

1) TO ENSURE THAT MIGRANT WORKERS ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSEMBLE AT ESTABLISH ORGANIZATIONS, AS WZRL AS BE GIVEN ASSISTANCE FACILITATING COMMUNICATION IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGES SO AS TO ENABLE THEM TO ARTICULATE THEIR VIEWS AND PROMOTE THEIR SPECIFIC INTERESTS:

2) TO CONSIDER THE EXTENSION OF FRANCHISE IN LOCAL ELECTIONS, OR ANY OTHER FORMS OF PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC LIFE, TO IMMIGRANTS ALREADY RESIDING IN THE COUNTRY FOR A REASONABLE PERIOD:

3) TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE RIGHT OF FAMILY REUNION IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT;

4) TO ENCOURAGE THE SOLUTION OF HOUSING PROBLEMS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT FAMILY REUNION MAY PROCEED IN A HARMONIOUS MANNER;

5) TO UNDERTAKEFULL ASSESSMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CHILDREN OF MIGRANT WORKERS, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE SECOND GENERATION, WITH THE AIM OF ENSURING FOR THEM A REAL EQUALITY OF TREATMENT IN ALL FIELDS, INCLUDING IN PROFESSIONAL LIFE AND BY TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADOPTION OF SPECIAL MEASURES IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION.

6) TO ENSURE TO MIGRANT WORKERS EQUALITY OF TREATMENT IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE FIELD OF SOCIAL SECURITY, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO A RETIREMENT PENSION AND OTHER RIGHTS IN THE COURSE OF ACQUISITION;

7) TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH CARE, WITH THE AIM OF REMEDYING IN PARTICULAR THE UNDERUTILIZATION BY MIGRANT WORKERS OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, THROUGH COMPLETE INFORMATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT THEM TO BE FULLY AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS AND WOULD ALSO HELP THEM QO OVERCOME THE LINGUISTIC BARRIERS;

8) TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES, IN PARTICULAR BY USING TO THE FULLEST POSSIBLE EXTENT, THE INFORMATION MEDIA, IN ORDER TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF PUBLIC OPINION IN THE HOST COUNTRIES ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF MIGRANT WORKERS TO ECONOMIC GROWTH AND THE SOCIO-CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THESE COUNTRIES AND ALSO TO STIMULATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING;

9) TO PROMOTE THE CREATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES MKAING POSSIBLE A BETTER AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEMS OF MIGRANT WORKERS AND LIKELY TO FACILITATE THE SOLUTION TO

THESE PROBLEMS;

10) TO ADHERE TO AND RATIFY THE INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE RELEVANT CONVENTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION AIMING AT PROTECTING MIGRANTS FROM DISCRIMINATION AND TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANT WORKERS;

11) TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE GROSS INHUMANITY OF THE MIGRANT LABOUR SYSTEM AS PRACTICED IN SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH IS A FURTHER MANIFESTATION OF APARTHEID.

THE CONFERENCE ALSO URGES STATES TO ADOPT IN THE FIELD OF

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EDUCATION SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF THE CHILDREN OF MIGRANT WORKERS. STATES SHOULD ALSO PERMIT CHILDREN AS WELL AS THEIR PARENTS TO BENEFIT, IF THEY WISH SO, FROM ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH ARE NEEDED IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION IN ORDER TO ENSURE THEIR INTEGRATION INTO THE HOST COUNTRY AND GIVE THEM ALSO ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES TO PRESERVE THEIR CULTURAL IDENTITY. END QUOTE.

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